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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MASUMURA ET AL.

Examiner

David Sample

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Any rejections and/or objections, made in the previous Office Action, and not repeated below, are hereby withdrawn.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Objections

Claims 9, 11, and 13 are objected to because of the following informalities:

A space has been omitted between "K₂O" and "in" in claim 9, lines 5.

A comma has been omitted after "entirely" in the second to last line of claim 9.

In claim 11, line 2, "and" should be "an".

In claim 13, line 4, "0.001 o.2" should be "0.001 - 0.2".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Speit et al. (US Patent No. 4,520,115).

Speit et al. discloses glass compositions with amounts of components that fall within the ranges of components of instant claims 9, 10, 12 and 13. See the table bridging col's 5-6, Examples 6 and 9.

The reference fails to disclose the property recited in instant claim 11. However, a glass's properties are determined by its composition, and the composition of the reference is identical to

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the presently claim composition. Therefore, the property of claim 11 is assumed to be inherent to the composition of the reference. See MPEP 2112.

Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inamura et al. (US Patent No. 3,769,613).

Inamura et al. discloses glass compositions with amounts of components that fall within the ranges of components of instant claims 9, 10, 12 and 13. See Table 1, bridging col's 3-4, Examples 8, 10 and 11.

The reference fails to disclose the property recited in instant claim 11. However, a glass's properties are determined by its composition, and the composition of the reference is identical to the presently claim composition. Therefore, the property of claim 11 is assumed to be inherent to the composition of the reference. See MPEP 2112.

Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dalton et al. (US Patent No. 2,964,414).

Dalton et al. discloses glass compositions with amounts of components that fall within the ranges of components of instant claims 9 and 10. See Tables I-III, col's 2-4, Examples 5, 8, and 14-20. Dalton et al. further disclose compositions with amounts of components that fall within the ranges of components of instant claims 9, 10, 12 and 13. See Table II, col. 3, Examples 29 and 30.

The reference fails to disclose the property recited in instant claim 11. However, a glass's properties are determined by its composition, and the composition of the reference is identical to

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the presently claim composition. Therefore, the property of claim 11 is assumed to be inherent to the composition of the reference. See MPEP 2112.

Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Davis et al. (US Patent No. 2,762,713).

Davis et al. discloses a glass composition with amounts of components that fall within the ranges of components of instant claims 9 and 10. See the table in col. 2, Example I.

Davis et al. discloses the recitations of instant claims 12 and 13 at col. 1, lines 57-58.

The reference fails to disclose the property recited in instant claim 11. However, a glass's properties are determined by its composition, and the composition of the reference is identical to the presently claim composition. Therefore, the property of claim 11 is assumed to be inherent to the composition of the reference. See MPEP 2112.

Conclusion

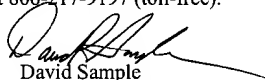
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Sample whose telephone number is (571)272-1376. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Bell can be reached on (572)272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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